

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 547

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor the members of the Friendship
Christian Academy Science Olympiad Middle
School Teams.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, astute and dedicated individuals are renowned to be found in such acclaimed organizations as the Friendship Christian Academy Science Olympiad Middle School Teams, which recently qualified for the Science Olympiad National Tournament; this is the school's fourth year of competition; and

WHEREAS, the Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of team events which students prepare for during the year; and

WHEREAS, Friendship Christian's teams were invited to make their first appearance at the national tournament hosted by Wichita State University in Kansas for the 23rd Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament; there were sixty middle schools invited from across the country, and Friendship Christian finished in 33rd place; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, the members of the Friendship Christian Academy Science Olympiad Middle School Teams have achieved extraordinary academic success and have made outstanding contributions to their school and community, thus joining the ranks of Tennessee's and our nation's most elite students; and

WHEREAS, the following persons are members of this prestigious group: Leah Wright, Michael Smith, Samantha Sailer, Ryan McNeilly, Dylan Boyd, Kelsey Hailey, Jeremy Tate, Ryan

Pino, Tommy Pardue, Joe Pinhal, Adrian Ricketts, Emily Sherrill, Daniel Watson, Kate McCall, and Morgan Carr; alternates for the teams are Parker Pass, Jenna Hazlewood, Rachel Eatherly, Katherine Jankowich, Kristin Smith, Weston Bell, and Kaylyn Gannaway; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Friendship Christian Academy Science Olympiad Middle School Teams are most grateful for the support and encouragement of Director and Middle School Team 1 Head Coach Jason Miller, Middle School Team 2 Head Coach Josh Derr, Middle School Team 3 Head Coach Kim Sherrill, and High School Team Head Coach Greg Armstrong; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and congratulate these exemplary students on their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the members of the Friendship Christian Academy Science Olympiad Middle School Teams and extend to each of the members of this select group our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.